

**AGENDA FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000  
Immediately Following Director's Meeting  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting of May 1, 2000.
2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Cable Franchise Transfer - May 1, 2000.

**II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES**

1. DEC Meeting (Fortenberry)
2. Joint Budget Committee (Johnson/Seng)
3. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Meeting (Seng)
4. Mayor's Downtown Action Team (Seng)
5. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Facilities/Fees Committee Meeting (Shoecraft)-Schedule Conflict
6. StarTran Task Force Meeting (Seng)

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

1. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman - RE: Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments (See Memo).

**IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

1. The Lincoln Firefighters Association would like to invite you to the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska State Professional Firefighters Convention. It will be held on June 1-3, 2000 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, located at 11<sup>th</sup> and "P" Street, in downtown Lincoln. The cost of lodging will be \$99.00 per night. A golf tournament has been scheduled for the afternoon of June 1, 2000. A \$40.00 fee per person includes green fees and a cart. A banquet will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Lincoln Firefighter's Reception Hall. The hall is

located at Sun Valley Blvd. and Apple Creek Road. The menu will be a choice of Ham or Turkey, Twice Baked potato, and Salad. Dinner will be \$15.00 per person. Please indicated how many people will be attending, by calling 402-475-6440 (See Invitation).

2. The Lincoln office of the Nebraska Children's Home Society requests the honor of your presence as we celebrate our grand opening! For a Sandwich luncheon and Program on Thursday, May 11, 2000 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Children's Home Office, 4700 Valley Road (48<sup>th</sup> & "F" Street) (Lisa Good -- 483-7879)(See Invitation).
3. You are invited to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual School Health Fair Awards Banquet as a special guest of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. The Banquet will be held on Monday, May 8, 2000 at the Auld Recreation Center located in Antelope Park at 3140 Sumner Street. The evening's festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m., and will include dinner, entertainment, and a special recognition ceremony to honor the winning students. To confirm your attendance, please contact Heidi Loos at 441-6285 by Thursday, May 4, 2000. (See Letter of Invitation).
4. Stevens Creek Stock Farm, Rural Lancaster County & the Proposed \$200 Million Beltway - PAL brown bag - Open to the Public - On Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at Noon at the Museum of Nebraska History, 15<sup>th</sup> & "P" Streets (See Invitation).
5. The 2000 session of "Cornhusker" Girls State, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary, will be held on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, City Campus, June 4-10. On Thursday, June 8, 2000 we would like to give each Girls State citizen the opportunity to visit the office which corresponds to her elected or appointed position in our mythical state. Visitations schedule from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. (See Letter of Invitation).

**V. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE**

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Members “Noon” Meeting**  
**Monday, May 8, 2000**  
**Conference Room 113**

**Council Members Present:** Coleen Seng, Chair; Jeff Fortenberry; Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Jerry Shoecraft; **ABSENT:** Cindy Johnson

**Others Present:** Ann Harrell, Mayor’s Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Member Camp (arrived mid-way through meeting); Karen Shinn, Aide to Council Member Fortenberry; Joan Ray, City Council Secretary; and Chris Hain, *Lincoln Journal Star* Representative.

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of “Noon” Council Members’ Meeting of May 1, 2000.
2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Cable Franchise Transfer - May 1, 2000.

Ms. Seng, Council Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Jerry Shoecraft moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Annette McRoy and carried by the following vote: AYES: Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Jeff Fortenberry, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Jerry Shoecraft; NAYS: None. ABSENT: Cindy Johnson,

**II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES**

1. DEC (Fortenberry) Mr. Fortenberry reported that they approved the audit of the DEC and reviewed the new power plant on the Church/State Office Building Complex. It is working well because it was built to be shared. The alley has been resurfaced and parking spots have been created.. It was a win-win situation for everyone. It saves energy costs for the State. The project came in under-budget at 3 million dollars. Mr. Shoecraft noted that the project was beautiful and enhanced the area aesthetically. Mr. Fortenberry agreed.

2. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (Johnson/Seng) Ms. Seng reported that 2-1/2 hours had been spent on Friday morning, struggling through the 9-Priority listing from the Human Needs Study. The requests from the various agencies are now being considered by program rather than by agency; and they must fit in under one of the 9-Priorities in order to receive funding. Ms. Seng noted that the JBC really struggled this first time through the process. She noted that they did not complete the allocations and another meeting has been scheduled. There was some disagreement, but this will be worked out.

Mr. Marc Wullschleger, Director of the City’s Department of Urban Development, Jennifer Brinkman from the Mayor’s Office and Kerry Eagan representing the County, plus the four elected officials make up this group.

3. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Seng) Ms. Seng reported that they had sat through a presentation by the Boy Scouts at the Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor was at this meeting and spoke to the Economic Partnership group about the budget process pointing out the Police Department and Health Insurance would be the two biggest expenditure sources in the budget.

Ms. Seng informed Council that the work force development was discussed by the representative from the Lincoln Public Schools, who was in attendance at the meeting. He discussed a proposed technology school that would be linked with Southeast Community College. She noted that they have quite an extensive program established now; and though they don't have it all approved, they're really into it at this point.

4. MAYOR'S DOWNTOWN ACTION TEAM (Seng) Ms. Seng reported that Mr. Camp's staff person [Darrell Podany] had attended this meeting. She commented that the Team had spent a long time listening to the consultants from the Leland group regarding an Old Federal Building Update.

She reported that Mr. Don Herz gave a presentation on the Pershing Auditorium study, noting that a month ago he had recommended that the project be broadened. and that is what Finance is now bringing about.

She commented that the Finance Committee really had a full plate with the ambulance proposals and the work on the Pershing Auditorium study. Ms. Seng reported that Polly McMullen spoke briefly on a legislative interim study wherein the State, evidently, is doing a study on the cost effectiveness of continuing the leasing of private property. Sometime this summer or fall, Ms. Seng reported, they're probably going to be making a determination on either the continued leasing, or the possibility of constructing a new State Office Building. No small decision there! The study may be just an interim study with nothing coming from it, or it may have a sweeping impact. But, either way, the downtown people are terribly interested in the outcome.

5. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FACILITIES/FEES COMMITTEE (Shoecraft)-Schedule Conflict

6. STARTRAN TASK FORCE (Seng) Ms. Seng noted that she had a scheduling conflict with this meeting. She added that she greatly regretted that because this was probably the last meeting of the Task Force. She stated that Council would probably be receiving some information from the Task Force shortly. She informed Council that the Task Force had been able to show that if they dropped about 7 or 9 routes and started running a grid system on the eastern end of the City, they'd probably be able to pick up all of those people who have been depending on these other smaller routes. The Crosstown was a route Ms. Seng was very familiar with and noted that it just did not have enough passengers to make it feasible; but if a route were run along 48<sup>th</sup> Street from North to South, everyone [affected by the smaller route cut-backs] could be picked up and we'd call it something other than the "Crosstown" route.

That is what the Task Force has been dealing with. Ms. Seng noted that she had talked to Ralph Johnson last night to make sure that she could schedule the next meeting and he informed her that he did not feel that there would be a need for another meeting. Eventually Council will be receiving some reports on the Task Forces's findings.

Mr. Camp asked if the downtown loop had been discussed? Ms. Seng responded that there had been nothing on the downtown loop.

**OTHER MEETINGS** - Ms. McRoy reported that at the meeting regarding the North 27<sup>th</sup> Street Project at Old Dairy Road and Old Dodge Road, it was noted that there is a gap in the sanitary sewer infrastructure. She spoke with the Public Works Department last week asking what they thought should be done.

If the Council brought a sewer assessment forward, there would be three businesses affected. Public Works indicated that they would not recommend that a sewer assessment district be brought forward, unless the Council forced the issue.

Ms. McRoy stated that the road will be opened south of there by the school . The neighbors were okay with the development and the paved roads, but if the road is opened, then there is a liability to put the sewer in. Mr. Fortenberry commented that it would be good thing when the road opens. Ms. McRoy agreed, but noted that it seems that the road opening might be held up because of the sewer situation.

She reported that according to Dennis Bartels, the person from Public Works with whom Ms. McRoy discussed this issue, the City can't afford to pay for the sewer; and it wouldn't be fair to assess the businesses because their sewer use is off 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Ms. McRoy noted that 10 years ago, this wouldn't have happened because the sewer would have been assessed all the way through; but that's 10 years ago...currently there is a gap in the sewer.

Ms. Seng asked when this would be coming before Council. Ms. McRoy stated that the Public Works Department had indicated that they would let her know.

### **III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Noted Without Comment**

1. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman Re: Appointments/Reappointments:  
    *May 15th*      Gas Piping Exam Board  
    *June:*         City Personnel Board  
    *July:*         A.      Cable Advisory Committee  
                      B.      Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board  
                      C.      Lincoln Housing Authority Board  
                      D.      Charter Revision Commission

**IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS** - Noted Without Significant Comment. Jon Camp was *volunteered* as the Council's representative for the Nebraska Girls' State visitation on Thursday June 8th, 2000. Mr. Camp will confirm his participation after checking his

schedule. [Confirmed 5-09-00. To meet in Council Office 2:45 p.m. June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000]. Mr. Cook stated that he would be the back-up if Mr. Camp were unable to participate.

Mr. Shoecraft asked if Ms. McRoy could volunteer to be shadowed for the Mayor's International Friendship Committee. After discussion, Mr. Fortenberry volunteered (actually) to be the designated Council Shadow for the MIFC 'shadower'. Ms. Harrell stated that she would look into the details for him.

## **V. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**JON CAMP** - Mr. Camp commented that the occupation tax increase is an old issue and he wondered if it was a dead issue as well. He noted that he continued to receive letters on this tax increase and wondered where the issue stood at this time. Ms. Harrell stated that it continued to be 'rumored about', but she was not sure what would actually happen with it. At the moment, it has been pulled as a bill, but we don't know what will happen next.

**JONATHAN COOK** - No Further Comments

**JEFF FORTENBERRY** -Mr. Fortenberry commented that he would like to speak with Mr. Roper after this "Noon" meeting. He stated that the Entryway meeting would be coming up shortly and what he would like to do is have a separate issue with the RTSD potentially pulling out the railroad tracks and paying for that cost on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The next phase of the plan is being drawn up on the downtown entryway. The *Journal Star* is there digging dirt, and Mr. Fortenberry wondered if the City could get a quick letter out to the *Journal Star* from the Council/Mayor's Office asking if we couldn't coordinate something before they go in and plant trees and invest a great deal in landscaping.

Ms. Harrell affirmed that the Urban Development Department has already done that. She noted that Dallas McGee had written a letter just last week on that issue. Ms. Seng stated that Roger [Figard] had also sent a letter in that regard as well. Mr. Fortenberry commented that he was aware of the Figard letter noting that he and John [Bradley?] had gotten together with Mr. Figard on that letter.

Ms. Harrell stated that she would get a copy of the McGee letter for Councilman Fortenberry, who stated that he just did not want to miss an opportunity to do something extra-special at that location. Ms. Harrell stated that she would find out what exactly would be done at that location as far as the entryway was concerned. Ms. Seng commented that she had heard Bill Johnson state that the *Journal* would cooperate on the entryway plans.

Ms. Harrell stated that they would like to get some of these agreements on paper, noting that everybody is in agreement, but we need to have some formal, written outlines of cooperation.

**CINDY JOHNSON** - Absent

**ANNETTE McROY** - Ms. McRoy asked if Council would be sending a card of congratulations to the Mayor on his upcoming wedding. It was agreed that Council would send a

card to the Mayor and his bride-to-be. Ms. Ray stated that she would pick up a card for the Council Members to sign before they left the meeting today so it could be delivered prior to the wedding date.

**COLEEN SENG** - Ms. Seng asked if everyone had noticed the sections in the newspaper yesterday that had been printed with the new press, noting that the whole paper would be that way soon. (She was noticing because the Council Agenda was missing Page 3 and had wanted to know what was actually upcoming before the Council). Ms. Seng noted that it was really distracting on a Sunday afternoon to find that there was a page missing from the Agenda. [*Council Staff ran full Meeting Agendas for Council and distributed the complete Agendas to them prior to the Formal Meeting*]

**JERRY SHOECRAFT** - No Further Comments

**ANN HARRELL** - Ms. Harrell only wanted to remind Ms. Seng to come in for E.O. signing during the Mayor's absence which would be from May 15<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Seng noted that she would sign until she was no longer Council Chair. [New Council Chair/Vice-Chair will be elected on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Formal Council Meeting]

**DANA ROPER** - No Further Comments

**VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE**

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE**

**VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED** - Approximately 1:00 p.m.